

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 2-24 are pending, with claims 22, 23, and 24 being the independent claims. Claims 2-8, 11-13, 16, and 18-20 are amended. Claim 1 is cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. New claim 24 is added. Support for these changes can be found throughout Applicants' specification, including, inter alia, Paragraphs 0010, 0030-0033, 0036, 0037, 0042, 0045, 0046, and 0055-0058 of the written description (as filed) and Figures 3 and 5-7 of the drawings. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw all outstanding objections and rejections.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-5, 20, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication 2005/0114484 to Wilson *et al.* (herein referred to as "Wilson") and U.S. Patent 6,941,321 to Schuetze *et al.* (herein referred to as "Schuetze"). (Paper No. 11172005, page 2). Although Applicants respectfully disagree, this rejection is moot in light of the above amendment. Independent claim 1 has been cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. New independent claim 24 has been added to recite a related embodiment(s) of Applicants' invention, with dependent claims 4-21 depending directly or indirectly therefrom. Applicants submit that independent claim 24 recites elements and/or feature that are not taught or suggested by Wilson and Schuetze, taken alone or in combination with each other. For example, Wilson and/or Schuetze do not teach or suggest "analyzing one or more inlinks to at least one global host from the set of global host to determine a countrytag for the at least one global host,"

are recited in claim 24. The Examiner has applied Wilson as the primary document to teach “determining a countrytag for a website.” Even if Wilson teaches “determining a countrytag for a website” (which Applicants do not concede), Wilson does not teach or suggest a method for distinguishing between websites having a “global host” and a particular “country host.” More importantly, there is no teaching or suggestion for determining a countrytag for a global host. Schuetze fails to cure the deficiencies of Wilson since Schuetze also does not teach or suggest determining a countrytag for a global host. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 24 is patentable over Wilson and/or Schuetze.

Since claims 2-5, 20, and 21 depend directly or indirectly from claim 24, these claims are patentable over Wilson and/or Schuetze for at least the reasons stated above.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 6-11 and 13-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as allegedly being unpatentable over Wilson and Schuetze, and further in view U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0016786 to Pitkow *et al.* (herein referred to as “Pitkow”). (Paper No. 11172005, pages 4-8). Although Applicants respectfully disagree, this rejection is moot in light of the above amendment. As stated above, claims 6-11 and 13-16 have been amended to depend directly or indirectly from independent claim 24. Claim 24 is patentable over Wilson and/or Schuetze for at least the reasons stated above. Additionally, Pitkow does not cure the deficiencies of Wilson and Schuetze, because Pitkow also does not teach or suggest, inter alia, “analyzing one or more inlinks to at least one global host from the set of global host to determine a countrytag for the at least one global host.” Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 6-11 and 13-16 are patentable over Wilson, Schuetze, and/or Pitkow.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 12 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as allegedly being unpatentable over Wilson, Schuetze, and Pitkow, and further in view U.S. Patent

6,526,426 to Lakritz (herein referred to as “Lakritz”). (Paper No. 11172005, page 10). Although Applicants respectfully disagree, this rejection is moot in light of the above amendment. As stated above, claims 12 and 19 have been amended to depend directly or indirectly from independent claim 24. Claim 24 is patentable over Wilson, Schuetze, and/or Pitkow for at least the reasons stated above. Additionally, Lakritz does not cure the deficiencies of Wilson, Schuetze, and/or Pitkow, because Lakritz also does not teach or suggest, inter alia, “analyzing one or more inlinks to at least one global host from the set of global host to determine a countrytag for the at least one global host.” Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 12 and 19 are patentable over Wilson, Schuetze, Pitkow, and/or Lakritz.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as allegedly being unpatentable over Wilson and Schuetze, and further in view U.S. Patent 6,285,999 to Page (herein referred to as “Page”). (Paper No. 11172005, page 13). Although Applicants respectfully disagree, this rejection is moot in light of the above amendment. As stated above, claims 17 and 18 have been amended to depend directly or indirectly from independent claim 24. Claim 24 is patentable over Wilson and/or Schuetze for at least the reasons stated above. Additionally, Page does not cure the deficiencies of Wilson and Schuetze, because Page also does not teach or suggest, inter alia, “analyzing one or more inlinks to at least one global host from the set of global host to determine a countrytag for the at least one global host.” Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 17 and 18 are patentable over Wilson, Schuetze, and/or Page.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 22 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as allegedly being unpatentable over Wilson and Pitkow. (Paper No. 11172005, page 11). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Neither Wilson nor Pitkow, taken alone or together, teaches or suggests, inter alia, “assigning a countrytag to a global host of the web site,” as recited in claims 22 and 23. The Examiner asserts that this feature taught in Paragraphs 60-70 in Wilson. However, these passages describe a plurality of country codes for top level domains that are uniquely associated with a particular country. For example, the top level domains “.eu, .eur, and .euc” represent the European Community; the top level domain “.usa” represents the United States; the top level domains “.ja, .jap, and .jpn” represent Japan; and so forth. None of the described domains refer to a “global host.” Hence, Wilson provides no description for assigning a countrytag to a global host. Pitkow fails to cure the deficiencies of Wilson, since Pitkow also does not teach or suggest assigning a countrytag to a global host. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 22 and 23 are patentable over Wilson and/or Pitkow.

Therefore in light of the remarks above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 2-23; consideration of claim 24; and allowance of the pending claims.

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is kindly invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4270.

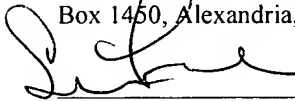
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